

Biography in a Bag

1. Pick a person from the provided list that we will talk about during the course of this class.
2. Student will research this person's life.
3. As student researches, take notes and write a 1-3 page report that will tell the rest of the class about that person.
4. Make a Presentation to the class about that person.
5. Students should choose **at least 4** physical items that represent the person and be able to explain how these items represent that person's life. (These should be placed in a bag that you have decorated describing this person. The bag can be a gift bag (plain, purchased for cheap at dollar store or even Wal-Mart) or it can be a grocery bag or a brown paper lunch bag).

Things to discover while preparing your presentation:

1. What was the person's early life like (when and where were they born, what was their childhood like)?
2. What education or special training did the person have?
3. In what way did he/she contribute to society?
4. What kind of work did they do?
5. What are 3 qualities you admire about this person? Why did you choose those 3 qualities?
6. If you were able to meet this person, what are 2 questions you would ask him/her?

How will your project be graded?

A day will be assigned to give your oral report. You will tell us about the person you chose including the above information. You may use note cards but the information must be in your own words. You will be graded on the information you gives us and the presentation of the material. Presentation grade will include:

1. Speaker had good posture and a quality presentation
2. Speaker uses notes well but doesn't just read the note cards
3. Speaker uses an interesting voice (not flat and monotone) and is enthusiastic
4. Speaker makes eye contact with audience
5. Creativity of Report
6. Question and Answer time

Possible points:

Notes Taken: 15 points

Paper Bag decoration and contents: 25 points

Oral Report Information: 40 points

Oral Report Presentation: 20 points

Biography Topics

(chosen randomly)

1. George Washington **Austin Fogle**
2. Abraham Lincoln **Zach Campagna**
3. Zachary Taylor
4. Andrew Jackson **Camille Smith**
5. Thomas Jefferson **Rayna Wallace**
6. Paul Revere **Matt Craddock**
7. Benjamin Franklin **Jeremiah Pinacho**
8. Clara Barton **Taylor Riggs**
9. Abigail Adams **Austin Dominguez**
10. Harriet Tubman **Sara Farmer**
11. Harriet Beecher Stowe
12. Daniel Boone **Ayrika Gettel**
13. Davy Crocket **Tiffany Midkiff**
14. Ulysses S. Grant **Billy Lohr**
15. Dolley Madison **Brittany Ardinger**
16. Alexander Hamilton
17. William Clark and Meriweather Lewis
18. Daniel Webster **Hayley Widmyer**
19. John C. Marshall
20. Sequoyah
21. Betsy Ross
22. Molly Pitcher
23. Samuel F. B. Morse **Jared Trumble**
24. James Monroe **Andrew Grimm**
25. Robert Fulton **Katie Snyder**

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Good Posture and Quality Presentation					
Did not just read notes but used an engaging voice and manner					
Creativity of information					
Question and Answer time went well					
Written Report and notes					